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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Paul V. Cooper

Docket No.:

23438.00041

Application No.:

10/620,318

Group Art Unit:

7946

Filing Date:

July 14, 2003

Examiner:

Scott R Kastler

TITLE:

COUPLINGS FOR MOLTEN METAL DEVICE

TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Enclosed is a response in the above-identified application to the restriction requirement mailed on September 29, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Office action by three months, up to and including January 30, 2006, and encloses the required petition fee.

1. Small Entity Status

[x] Applicant asserts "small entity" status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27.

2. Fee Calculation

Request for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R.§1.136(a)

[]	Response filed within first month after due date – add	\$ 120.00	
[]	Response filed within second month after due date – add	\$ 450.00	
[x]	Response filed within third month after due date – add	\$1020.00	\$1020.00
ĺĺ	Response filed within fourth month after due date – add	\$1590.00	
[]	Response filed within fifth month after due date - add	\$2160.00	

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Subtotal: \$1020.00

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If the "small entity" box above is checked, enter half (1/2) of the subtotal and subtract.

\$510.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE ENCLOSED:

\$510.00

- [x] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3878 in the amount of \$510.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- [] A Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R.§§ 1.16-1.18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3878 for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,

January 30, 2006

Date

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